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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (July 20, 1987)

CHARLESTON, ILL.--An Eastern Illinois University Professor of Botany, Dr. John Ebinger, will present a series of lectures at the International Botany Congress in West Berlin, Germany, starting July 24.

Co-lecturer will be Dr. David Seigler, Professor of Plant Biology at the University of Illinois. The invitation to participate stems from research the two are doing in Mexico.

The research is on two fronts-cyanide production in certain Mexican plants, and the symbiotic (partnership) relationship between ants and species of acacia (trees and shrubs found in the tropics and warm temperature regions). Ants, Ebinger said, live in the spines of the trees and protect them from such herbivore as birds and insects.

Approximately 3,000 botanists from around the world will attend the Congress, held every four years. The overall meeting is broken down into various symposia. Ebinger and Seigler will present three illustrated lectures.

Ebinger joined Eastern's faculty in 1963. He holds a bachelor's degree from Miami (Ohio) University and a master's degree and the doctorate from Yale University.

He has researched and written widely in his field and belongs to many national and international professional organizations.